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SUBJECT: Nomination for Relationship Fraud Conference

Post is pleased to submit the following nomination for the Relationship Fraud Conference, to be held at NVC March 8-12, 2010. Responses below are keyed to reftel.

a. COLYVAS, Angela

b. 04-Mar-1960

c. xxx-xx-9166

d. FS-02, Consular

e. Visa Chief, US Embassy Athens; FPM/IV Unit Chief, US Embassy Lima; Consular Officer, CA/VO/L/C; Vice Consul, US Interests Section, Havana.

f. Fraud Prevention for Consular Managers (2004); Advanced Consular Course (2004); Advanced Namechecking (2003); various distance learning courses.

g. Angela is the Visa Chief, overseeing NIV, IV and FPU. She currently is the only officer handling post's IV caseload, the bulk of which pertains to Third Country Nationals (TCNs).

h. Angela has been at Embassy Athens since 2007 and will begin her onward assignment as Deputy Coordinator for Consular Training at FSI in August 2010.

i. Angela's participation in the conference will not only assist us here in Athens but will have a multiplier effect for the Department in light of her onward assignment. She will certainly be able to incorporate the knowledge gained at the conference to the resources available as part of ConGen. Since her arrival at post, she has been handling the IV workload personally. Although the volume of cases is small, most applicants are Third Country Nationals and have some element of fraud. She has had to handle numerous sham and possible sham K1 and CR1s for Nigerian, Ethiopian and Iraqi applicants, among others. As the IV Chief and FPM in Lima, Angela and her team used all resources at their disposal, including piloting new technologies and investigative tools, to combat the pervasiveness of fraud there. Please note that Angela would be happy to draw on her extensive visa experience to serve as

a presenter during the conference.

j. Flights arrive daily in Boston at approximately 1835 and departure is approximately 12 noon. NOTE: Angela is planning to take annual leave at her own expense the week prior to the conference.

k. 1400 euros (approximately 1953 dollars at today's exchange rate)

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